

Abstract

Method for the quantitative determination of tumor cells in a body fluid and test kits suitable therefor

A method for the quantification of tumor cells in a body fluid is disclosed and entails first subjecting the sample to be investigated to a method for concentrating or depleting tumor cells and carrying out a reaction on the concentrated or depleted tumor cells in which the mRNA coding for the catalytic subunit of the telomerase is specifically amplified, and then the amount of amplified nucleic acid is determined quantitatively, as are test kits suitable therefor.